

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
San Antonio Fire Department
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAFD and DSD Associates

FROM: Asst. Chief Earl Crayton II, Fire Marshal

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FILE: Code Interpretation Manual

INTERPRETATION NUMBER: CI2006-014

TITLE: Fire Sprinklers vs. Multiple Fire Apparatus Roads for Multiple-Family Residential Developments

CODE EDITION: 2006 International Fire Code (IFC) as amended by COSA

SECTION: Exception to D106.1

PURPOSE: To clarify which buildings in a multiple-family residential development would be required to be equipped throughout with an approved automatic fire sprinkler system when utilizing the exception to Section D106.1.

QUESTION: When utilizing the exception to Section D106.1, is there a minimum size or parameters for buildings that are required to be protected with an automatic fire sprinkler system? If so, what are the parameters?

ANSWER: Yes. All buildings greater than 1,500 sq.ft. in building area as defined by the 2006 IBC and IFC are required to be protected with an approved automatic fire sprinkler system in order to utilize the exception to Section D106.1. This includes clubhouse buildings, activity centers, mail kiosks, pool houses, enclosed garage buildings, maintenance buildings, and any other buildings that are more than 1,500 sq.ft. in building area. Buildings not more than 1,500 sq.ft. in building area may remain non-sprinklered and the exception to Section D106.1 may still be utilized.


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